



Devotional Study Guide Journal

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Always on His Mind

Psalm 139:17-18 NASB

How precious also are Your thoughts for me, God!

How vast is the sum of them!

If I were I to count them, they would outnumber the sand.

God sees every human being on this planet. He knows each of our thoughts. Even more amazing is it that He is thinking about us. This was true under the Old Covenant but even more amazingly true now that Jesus has removed sin from us. Unlike the image we sometimes have of God as being way out there somewhere perhaps too busy to be concerned about the details of our lives or ignoring us because of some transgression, God's face is toward us always and He is paying attention to us.

Imagine this! There are 8.1 billion people on the earth right now. He sees them all. Even with so many people to observe, He sees each one personally. This should cause our brains to stretch when we understand how vastly knowledgeable He is.

Not only does He see us all, but His thoughts toward us are greater than the sand of the seas. In other words, His thoughts toward us are infinite.

One day, our adult son and father of three who was a bit bothered that I was asking him so many questions and expressing my concern about something he was planning to do, asked me, "When are you going to stop the mommy thing?"

I'd never been asked that before, though surely my other children had wondered the same thing. But an answer formed immediately, and I said, "Never. You can't turn off 'Mommy.'" If you are a parent or a concerned relative or friend, you know exactly what that means. It is impossible for me to not think about and be concerned about my husband, children, and grandchildren 24/7/365. Don't bother asking me. It is not going to happen.

We are God's children. He can't and He won't turn off His concern for us. He is passionate about our entire beings and our daily lives." Isn't that wonderful? You are always on His mind.

1 John 1:3¹

Behold (know, be aware, consider, look upon, perceive, see, be sure of, understand) what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!

You are God's child. Of course He is thinking about you and even more than you could possibly imagine. But go ahead and try. Let your mind explore the vastness of His thoughts concerning you.

If you'd like, write your own Psalm on this topic. Or draw a picture of what comes to mind when you think of God constantly remembering you.

